

DATE: January 26, 2006**SUBJECT:** Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the
Postsecondary Authorization Act**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on January 5, 2006, and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of the following institutions.

A. Ashford University**Clinton, IA**

Ashford University is located at 400 North Bluff Boulevard in Clinton, Iowa. The institution is a limited liability corporation that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

The institution will offer six programs:

Program:	Teaching
Credential Awarded:	Master of Arts
Length of Program:	24 months

Program:	Teaching and Learning with Technology
Credential Awarded:	Master of Arts
Length of Program:	18 months

Program:	Business Administration
Credential Awarded:	Master of Business Administration
Length of Program:	18 months

Program:	Management
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Applied Science
Length of Program:	48 months

Program:	Organizational Management
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program:	48 months

Program:	Psychology
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program:	48 months

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

B. Draughons Junior College

Nashville, TN

Draughons Junior College – Nashville II is located at 283 Plus Park Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

The institution will offer twelve programs previously approved by THEC:

Billing and Coding Specialist	Associate of Applied Science
Medical Assisting – Administrative	Associate of Applied Science
Medical Assisting – Clinical	Associate of Applied Science
Pharmacy Technology	Associate of Applied Science
Billing and Coding Specialist	Diploma
Dental Assisting	Diploma
Medical Assisting – Administrative	Diploma
Medical Assisting – Clinical	Diploma
Pharmacy Technology	Diploma
Billing and Coding Specialist	Certificate
Medical Assisting – Administrative	Certificate
Medical Assisting – Clinical	Certificate

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

C. Georgia Career Institute

Murfreesboro, TN

Georgia Career Institute is located at 1233 Commerce Drive in Murfreesboro, TN. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupation (COE).

The institution will offer one program.

Program:	Massage Therapy
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	900 contact hours (12 months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

D. Harvest Institute for Biblical Studies

Knoxville, TN

Change of Ownership:

Harvest Institute of Biblical Studies is located at 4615 Asheville Highway in Knoxville, Tennessee. The institution is a not-for-profit corporation. **The institution was sold on November 1, 2004, to Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church.**

The institution will offer four programs.

Program:	Biblical Studies
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Credential Awarded:	Master of Biblical Studies
Length of Program:	528 contact hours (24 months)
Program:	Religious Studies
Credential Awarded:	Master of Religious Studies
Length of Program:	240 contact hours (12 months)
Program:	Biblical Studies
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Biblical Studies
Length of Program:	1032 contact hours (48 months)
Program:	Biblical Studies
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Biblical Studies
Length of Program:	480 contact hours (24 months)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

E. The Institute for Global Outreach Developments International Nashville, TN

The Institute for Global Outreach Developments International is located at 301 South Perimeter Park, Suite 116 in Nashville, Tennessee. The institution is a not-for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer two programs.

Program:	Biblical Studies
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor Degree
Length of Program:	1,680 contact hours (60 weeks)
Program:	Missiology
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor Degree
Length of Program:	1,680 contact hours (60 weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

F. Tennessee Health Careers, LLC Clarksville, TN

Tennessee Health Careers, LLC is located at 43 Crossland Avenue in Clarksville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer one program:

Program:	Nurse Aide Training
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	110 contact hours, 4 weeks (Day), 7 weeks (Evening))

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

G. Volunteer Training Center, Inc.

Leoma, TN

Volunteer Training Center, Inc. is located at 2397 Highway 43, South in Leoma, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer one program previously approved by THEC.

Program:	Class "A" Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	3 weeks

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.